

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Colin C.O. GOBLE

Application No.: New Application

Filed: September 23, 2003

Docket No.: 114632

For: A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**